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## **FULL FREEWAY CLOSURES SCHEDULED FOR ARTESIA FREEWAY**

**BELLFLOWER/CERRITOS** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the following full freeway closures for the High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lane reconstruction and pavement rehabilitation project on the eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91), nightly for installation of loop detectors. The closure schedule is as follows:

### **Westbound Route 91:**

#### **Night, Monday, June 13 and Tuesday, June 14, 11 p.m. to 4 a.m.:**

- All regular use lanes from Studebaker Road to Bellflower Boulevard.  
**Detour:** Exit at Studebaker Road off-ramp, proceed south on Studebaker Road, west on Artesia Boulevard, north on Bellflower Boulevard to the westbound SR-91 on-ramp. A portable changeable message sign will be placed on the right shoulder near Pioneer Boulevard off-ramp with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AHEAD – RTE 605 TO BELLFLOWER”**

#### **Night, Thursday, June 16, 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m.:**

- All regular use lanes between Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp and Bellflower Boulevard off-ramp.  
**Detour:** Exit at Bellflower Boulevard off-ramp, proceed to Bellflower Boulevard on-ramp to westbound SR-91 on-ramp. A portable changeable message sign will be placed on the right shoulder near Bellflower Boulevard off-ramp with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AT BELLFLOWER BOULEVARD”**

#### **Night, Friday, June 17, 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m.:**

- All regular use lanes between Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp and Lakewood Boulevard on-ramp.  
**Detour:** Exit at Lakewood Boulevard off-ramp, south on Lakewood Boulevard; west on Artesia Boulevard; north on Lakewood Boulevard to the westbound SR-91 on-ramp. A portable changeable message sign will be placed on the right shoulder near Bellflower Boulevard off-ramp with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AHEAD - LAKEWOOD TO DOWNEY”**





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## **Eastbound Route 91: (Full Freeway Closure – Continued)**

**Night, Saturday, June 18, 12:01 a.m. to 4 a.m.:**

- All regular use lanes from Downey Avenue to Lakewood Boulevard.  
**Detour:** Exit at Downey Avenue off-ramp; proceed south on Downey Avenue; east on Artesia Boulevard; north on Lakewood Boulevard to the eastbound SR-91 on-ramp. A portable changeable message sign will be placed on the right shoulder at the Orange Avenue undercrossing with the message: **“FREEWAY CLOSED AHEAD – DOWNEY TO LAKEWOOD”**

The following lanes, ramps, and connectors will also be closed on eastbound and westbound Artesia Freeway (SR-91) nightly, Monday, June 13 through Saturday, June 18, from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. for installation of loop detectors. The closure schedule is as follows:

## **Westbound Route 91:**

**Night, Monday, June 13:**

- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes from Studebaker Road to San Gabriel River Freeway (I-605).
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes between northbound and southbound I-605 connectors.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to four regular use lanes from the I-605 connector and Bellflower Boulevard.
- 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. – Northbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Southbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91

**Night, Tuesday, June 14:**

- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes from Studebaker Road to I-605.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes between northbound and southbound I-605 connectors.
- 8 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to four regular use lanes from the I-605 connector and Bellflower Boulevard.
- 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Northbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91.
- 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. – Southbound I-605 connector to westbound SR-91

**Night, Wednesday, June 15:**

- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes between Bellflower Boulevard on and off-ramps.

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## **Westbound Route 91: (Continued)**

### **Night, Thursday, June 16:**

- 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes between Lakewood Boulevard on and off-ramps.

## **Eastbound Route 91:**

### **Night, Friday, June 17:**

- 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. – HOV lane and up to three regular use lanes from Downey Avenue to Lakewood Boulevard.
- 7 p.m. until 1 p.m. – Downey Avenue on-ramp.
- 7 p.m. until noon – Lakewood Boulevard on and off-ramps.

Route 91, one of the most heavily traveled roads in Los Angeles County, was also one of the first freeways to offer HOV lanes. As a result, the asphalt pavement has experienced extensive wear and needs to be replaced. The pavement replacement project will improve safety and mobility for motorists. Also, because of the 20-year longevity of the new pavement materials, the need for future maintenance will be reduced. This project began construction in spring 2003, and the final stage of the HOV portion will be completed in summer 2005.

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